Superintendent of Police has been asked to satisfy himself that the action of the Sub-Inspector was on bona fide mistake of fact and done in good faith. The fact that the grains were being removed at about midnight seems to have aroused the suspicion of the Sub-Inspector."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" By whom was the tom-tom done? Was it done before the Police station? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The tom-tom was done by the Revenue authorities. It was meant to every one in the town, including the Sub-Inspector of Police."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" When this tom-tom was put up by the Revenue authorities; was it not communicated to the Police Sub-Inspector? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, the tom-tom was for the information of the public. But it is difficult to say whether it was within the hearing of the Sub-Inspector or the Police station."

Grant of bonus by the Government of India for procurement of grains.

* 41 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of India have promised a bonus of eight annas per maund of grain, procured in this Province from the surplus areas for this kharif year; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government propose to distribute manures freely to the producers as bonus who have surrendered grains in the surplus areas for the value of the amount granted by the Central Government as bonus?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) Yes—in the Press Note [a] announcing the revised food policy published on 10th December 1947.

" (*b*) This Government have not yet decided as to how the amount promised to be granted by the Government of India as bonus should be utilized. The question will be examined in due course."

3-15 p.m. SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" Will the Government give due weight to the Press Communiqué of the Government of India, dated 8th December 1947, and supply at concessional rates manures and other commodities essential for production of foodgrains."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Bonus is being given by the Government of India and the hon. Member may rest assured that such instructions as are issued by the Government of India have been followed."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix II on pages 43-44 infra.**